



Re: 8/17 discussion
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08/22/2012 08:12 AM

Good Morning Jill,

Thank you for the email. I think it is very understandable that you were unable to respond until now. I hope you having time now is a sign that the pace of emergency activities is letting up, as least a little.

Chris

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Hi Chris, Sorry for the very belated response. It's...

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Date: 08/22/2012 07:24 AM
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Hi Chris,

Sorry for the very belated response. It's been quite a week due to the circumstances. If you still need them my edits are written below. I added a few details (number of fish, which intake pipe, and the number of ponds in System III) because of a letter I am drafting to you explaining further actions and detailed options. Sorry to have hit you with this on a Friday afternoon but Damian was at Dworshak and we thought it best to call you as a team. Thank you for your insight.

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Hi Jill,

I am trying to characterize the discussion we had last Friday. Can you review and make edits?
Thank you.

I was called Friday afternoon by representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) (Mark Drobish, Jill Olson, Jack Christiansen) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Damian Walters, Art Leskovich). The purposes of the call were twofold. First, they wanted to alert me that IDFG Clearwater Hatchery lost its primary influent pipe and was no longer able to raise 2.5 million steelhead scheduled for release in March 2013. Dworshak NFH, the subject of a relatively recent completed Federal Facility Compliance Agreement (FFCA), was planning to rear Clearwater's steelhead until release in March. Clearwater's steelhead would be raised in 34 ponds of System III. System III ponds lack infrastructure to treat cleaning water via a settling pond or other treatment technology. Thus, the FFCA addressed the use of System III. The USFWS would examine options to treat cleaning waste from the raising of Clearwater's steelhead stock. The steelhead are needed to achieve BPA hatchery mitigation commitments identified in a judicial order. The Dworshak Dam was also having transformer issues which is likely to delay the repair of primary influent pipe.

The second issue raised during the meeting was that Dworshak was behind in implementing its commitments per the FFCA. A progress report is due next month. The USFWS stated that it still has made WQ improvements at Dworshak both per the FFCA and outside the requirements of the FFCA. EPA and USFWS both agreed that this information should be presented to better judge shortcomings in the performance of the FFCA. USFWS and the Corps pointed to funding problems as the cause for not accomplishing milestones identified in the FFCA. There was the discussion of wanting to include counsel in further discussion. EPA told the agencies that it expected progress on the environmental front, especially in the long term.

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